



# Environmental Education Center 2012 Nature Photo Contest Terms and Conditions

## EEC NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Environmental Education Center (EEC) is an 11,000 sq.ft. facility featuring classrooms, exhibits, live animals and a nature store, and is the gateway to Veterans Oasis Park. The Center offers year-round recreation programming for all ages, with an emphasis on nature, science, and the environment. The Nature Photo Contest (NPC) was created to provide an opportunity for photographers to capture images in Veterans Oasis Park and exhibit their work for artistic appreciation, competition, and public enjoyment.

## FOR ENTRANTS

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** This year's NPC is open to all photographers who will be at least 13 years of age or older on April 20, 2012. Photo contest staff reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, entrant eligibility. Youth entrants (13-17 years old) will need to have a parent or guardian sign off, on the Entry Form (page 6) as well.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Photographers can begin submitting photographs on **Monday, December 1, 2011**. All entrants must read and complete the contest entry form. Entrants agreeing to the Terms and Conditions will express this agreement by signing the form on page 6, or, if 13-17 years of age, signing the form and having their parent or legal guardian sign as well. Each photograph submitted must be entered under a specific category. For the price of the contest entry fee, photographers may enter up to two photographs per category. Please keep in mind photographs can only be entered into one category. Photographs may be color or black and white. **All photographs must have a completed Photograph Information Form (PIF) securely attached to the back of each photograph. The PIF can be found, at the bottom of page 6.** Judges will not know the name or age of any of the entrants until the competition winners have been decided.

**Fee:** There is a photographer entry fee of \$3.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-resident. This fee must be paid, in full, at the time photographs are dropped off.

**Size & Mounting:** All submitted photographs must be mounted and must be at least 600 DPI and must be at least 5" x 7" in size, but may not exceed 20" x 30". In addition, all photos submitted to the contest must be securely mounted on foam core. Photographs not mounted on foam core will not be accepted into the contest.

**CATEGORIES:** Photographers may submit photographs into one or all available categories, but **the same photo cannot be entered into more than one category**. Once a photograph is entered, the photographer cannot move it to another category. In extreme cases, Nature Photo Contest staff reserve the right to switch images to other categories, with or without notification to the photographer. The categories are:

1. **Wildlife** - Portraits and Behavior
2. **Scenery** - Landscape Character and Beauty
3. **People with Nature** - People Enjoying and Connecting with the Outdoors

**WHAT PHOTOS TO ENTER:** All photos MUST be of wildlife, scenery and people with nature. All photographs must be taken within the boundaries of Veterans Oasis Park in Chandler, Arizona. **Do not submit photographs that include pets or domestic animals, where they are the primary focus of the photograph.**

Previously published photos may be entered; however, please include information on when and where the photos have appeared. Winning photos from other competitions may also be entered, but the name of the contest(s) and the year(s) entered must be included. Such information is informative only and will not influence judges' decisions.

Entrants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person or submit images that break any park rules or local, state or federal law or that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer.

**Image Donations:** Donors retain ownership of their photos to use and grant the City of Chandler, nonexclusive license to reproduce, publish, circulate or otherwise use the photographs howsoever in any medium now in existence or to be established, in perpetuity. If you are interested in having your photograph used in future media publications or on items sold in the Owl's Nest Nature store, agree to this term by checking the appropriate box on the entry form. This is not a prerequisite for entry and will have no bearing on judges decisions.

**Digital Alterations:** All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. **Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization will be disqualified.** Acceptable are adjustments to color, contrast, brightness and sharpness; removal of dust and scratches; cropping; black and white conversions; and use of HDR (high dynamic range) where multiple exposures of the same scene are combined for a greater tonal range. **Not acceptable are photo composites (combination of two or more photos, not of the same scene); the addition, duplication, deletion or moving of objects in the photos; or the use of artistic digital filters and effects.** Examples of artistic filters and effects are watercolor, neon glow, posterizing, stained glass, and others which do not show the scene in its natural way. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the disqualification of your photograph and the possible loss of your entry.

**DEADLINE:** The final date for submitting photos is **March 12, 2012** by 4:45 p.m. All photographs and accompanying paperwork must be submitted by this date and time to the front desk staff of the Environmental Education Center. There will be no expectations.

**JUDGING:** Photographs will be judged on **originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.**

The judging panel, consisting of at least 5 people, may include members of the City of Chandler Arts Community and/or City of Chandler employees. Judges decisions are final and binding.

**PRIZES:** A first place, second place and third place prize will be awarded in each category.

Once the three First Place winners are chosen, one of these three will be chosen by the contest's judges as the Grand Prize winner.

No monetary compensation will be awarded to winners. All winners will receive ribbons and will be displayed, with other select donated photographs from the contest, for public view at the Environmental Education Center at Veterans Oasis Park, for a few months, and may also be placed on display at other City of Chandler facilities.

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:** This award is given to the photograph the public likes best. Judging for the People's Choice Award will occur, in the EEC, on Friday, April 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and it will end at 3:00 p.m. In addition, voting will take place on the EEC's Facebook page. The picture with the most Facebook "likes" and votes will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, multiple People's Choice Awards will be awarded.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION RECEPTION:** *An awards reception will be held at the Environmental Education Center, during our annual Earth Day event on **Friday, April 20, 2012**.* Photographers will receive more information, about the reception, on or about March 15, 2012.

**LEGAL CONDITIONS:** By entering this competition, you agree to these entry terms and the following legal conditions:

By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original, do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that participant has obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the photograph. The City of Chandler or designee reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Decisions of City of Chandler or designee shall be final and binding.

By entering, participants release and hold harmless the City of Chandler, its affiliated organizations, and each of their directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives (collectively, the "City") from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or related to the NPC, any prize won, any use of the entry materials by the City of Chandler, the warranties participants make, participation in any NPC-related activity, or participation in the NPC.

The contest is governed by the laws of the United States and is subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Participant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with the City, and causes of action arising out of or connected with the NPC,

shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, before a court of competent jurisdiction located in Maricopa County, Arizona, which court shall apply the laws of the State of Arizona without regard for rules of conflicts of law. In any such dispute, participant shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to claim punitive, incidental or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (if any) associated with participating in the NPC. Participant hereby waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

Any attempt by an entrant or other individual to deliberately damage or undermine the legitimate operation of the NPC is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, the City reserve the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The City is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the NPC, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the NPC, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The City assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, photographs.

All federal, state, and local taxes, fees and surcharges, if any, on prize packages are the sole responsibility of the winners.

Return of any prize and/or prize notification, as undeliverable, or failure of any entrant to comply with any of the Official Rules may result in disqualification. If, for any reason, the NPC is not capable of completion as planned, including, but not limited to, by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the City that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the

NPC, the City reserve the right at their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the NPC.

**PICKING UP YOUR PHOTOS:** All non-donated photographs can be picked-up from the EEC beginning May 1 – May 31, 2012. Photographs left, after 8pm on May 31, 2012 become the property of the City of Chandler.

#### **HOW TO CONTACT US:**

Questions and inquiries regarding contest rules or technical matters can be emailed to the Contest Coordinator Angela Lillie at [angela.lillie@chandleraz.gov](mailto:angela.lillie@chandleraz.gov) or Recreation Coordinator P.J. Conover at [paul.conover@chandleraz.gov](mailto:paul.conover@chandleraz.gov).

The City is not responsible for lost, damaged, late or misdirected photographs.

#### **QUICK FACTS**



**Ages: 13+**

**Contest Opens:** Thursday, December 1, 2011

**Deadline for Submissions:** Monday, March 12, 2012 at 4:45pm

**Photo Drop-off Location:** Environmental Education Center  
4050 East Chandler Heights Rd, Chandler 85249

**Fee:** \$3 - \$5 per photographer (up to six pictures – see details above)

**Awards & Recognition Event:** Friday, April 20, 2012

This contest is presented to you by:



### *CHANDLER CITY COUNCIL*

*Vice Mayor Trinity Donovan, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Rick Heumann  
Matt Orlando, Kevin Hartke, Jack Sellers, Jeff Weninger*



# Nature Photo Contest Official Entry Form



Name of Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT) LAST FIRST

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries must be dropped-off in person at the Environmental Education Center (EEC): 4050 E. Chandler Heights Rd., Chandler, AZ 85249 - located on the north-east corner of Chandler Heights and Lindsay roads.  
Staff contact: Angela Lillie, Recreation Coordinator I, 480-782-2894

By submitting this form and entering the contest, I attest that I have received and read the **Nature Photo Contest Terms and Conditions** and further, I understand the contest rules, requirements, and agree to comply with said policy.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (entrants under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored By:



**INTERNAL USE ONLY:**

- ☐ \$3 Chandler resident ☐ \$5 non-resident  
☐ Image Donation

Contest #:

(Detach this top section and return to an EEC staff person, when you drop off your photographs.)

(Detach this bottom section and securely attach one to each of your photographs.)

## Photograph Information Form (PIF)

Title of Photograph (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT) LAST FIRST

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Contest Category (please check one per photograph):

- ☐ Wildlife ☐ Scenery ☐ People with Nature

By checking this box ☐ I declare that I am donating this photograph to the City of Chandler, per the Environmental Education Centers 2012 Nature Photo Contest Terms and Conditions document.